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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S NEW YORK LUNCHEON FOR AFRICAN DELEGATIONS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 24 SECRETARY KISSINGER HOSTED LUNCHEON AT USUN FOR AFRICAN HEADS OF DELEGATION. NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS (MAURITANIA, GABON, LIBERIA, NIGER, TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, SIERRA LEONE, SENEGAL, AND ETHIOPIA) AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ALL BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES SAVE GUINEA, CONGO, SOMALIA AND BURUNDI ATTENDED. GUINEA SENT FIRST SECRETARY; OTHERS WERE ABSENT. NORTH AFRICANS EXPECTED ATTEND LUNCH FOR ARAB LEAGUE SEPTEMBER 25.

2. SECRETARY STA AT LUNCH AT TABLE WITH SENATOR AIKEN AND FOREIGN MINISTERS MAURITANIA, GABON, SIERRA LEONE AND NIGER SECRETARY. CONVERSATION COVERED CAUSES OF SAHELIAN DROUGHT, AFRICANS' INTEREST IN EDUCATION IN
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AND AFRICAN EXPECTATIONS OF US IN AREAS OF
DECOLONIALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT. SIERRA LEONE'S
FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD SECRETARY MANY AFRICANS STILL
SUSPICIOUS OF US MOTIVES IN AFRICA.

3. IN REMARKS AND TOAST FOLLOWING LUNCH, SECRETARY
EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT AFRICA
AND HIS HOPE HE CAN VISIT AFRICA IN 1974. HE REPEATED
HIS PLEDGE IN UNGA SPEECH TO HONOR COMMITMENTS TOWARD
DEVELOPMENT, SELF-DETERMINATIN, AND HUMAN DIGNITY,
STRESSING AT SAME TIME THESE PROBLEMS HAD TO BE APPROACHED
REALISTICALLY AND NOT THROUGH SLOGANS. QTE DO NOT ASK US
TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE. UNQTE HE MENTIONED DESIRE ON HIS
PART AND THAT OF AMBASSADOR SCALI TO KEEP IN CLOSE CON-
SULTATION WITH AFRICAN DELEGATIONS ON ISSUES AT UNGA.
PRESIDENT NIXON HAD ALREADY MADE GREAT STRIDES TOWARD
GENERATION OF PEACE; THESE EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE. ALL
NATIONS WERE IMPORTANT TO THESE EFFORTS AND WOULD
BENEFIT BY THEM. HE LED IN TOAST TO GENERATION OF
PEACE.

4. MOUKNESS IN REPLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SECRE-
TARY'S COURTESY IN ENTERTAINING AFRICANS AS FIRST
OFFICIAL ACT AND AFRICANS DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH UNITED STATES. HE THANKED SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRA-
TION SUPPORT OF REPEAL OF BYRD PROVISION. STRESSING
AFRICAN PREOCCUPATIONS FIRST WITH ENDING COLONIALISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND, SECONDLY, WITH DEVELOPMENT,
HE SAID AFRICANS FELT UNITED STATES COULD DO MORE FOR
AFRICA. DECOLONIZATION WAS GREATEST NEED AND, EVEN
THOUGH HIS COUNTRY HAD GREAT NEEDS BECAUSE OF DROUGHT,
IT WOULD GLADLY MAKE SACRIFICE IF IT COULD HELP
QTE BROTHERS IN ANGOLA. UNQTE MOUKNESS WELCOMED
SECRETARY'S INTENTION VISIT AFRICA AND SAID AFRICANS
WOULD CONSIDER THIS AS COMMITMENT. HE TOASTED SUCCESS
OF SECRETARY AND AFRICAN-US FRIENDSHIP.

5. COMMENT: AMERICANS PRESENT AT LUNCH IMPRESSED BY
OBVIOUS INTEREST OF AFRICANS IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH US AND IN STRONG US ROLE IN AFRICA. SECRETARY'S
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OPENNESS, CANDOR AND SINCERE INTEREST IN LEARNING ABOUT
AFRICA MADE EXCELLENT POSITIVE IMPACT ON DELEGATES.
KISSINGER

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